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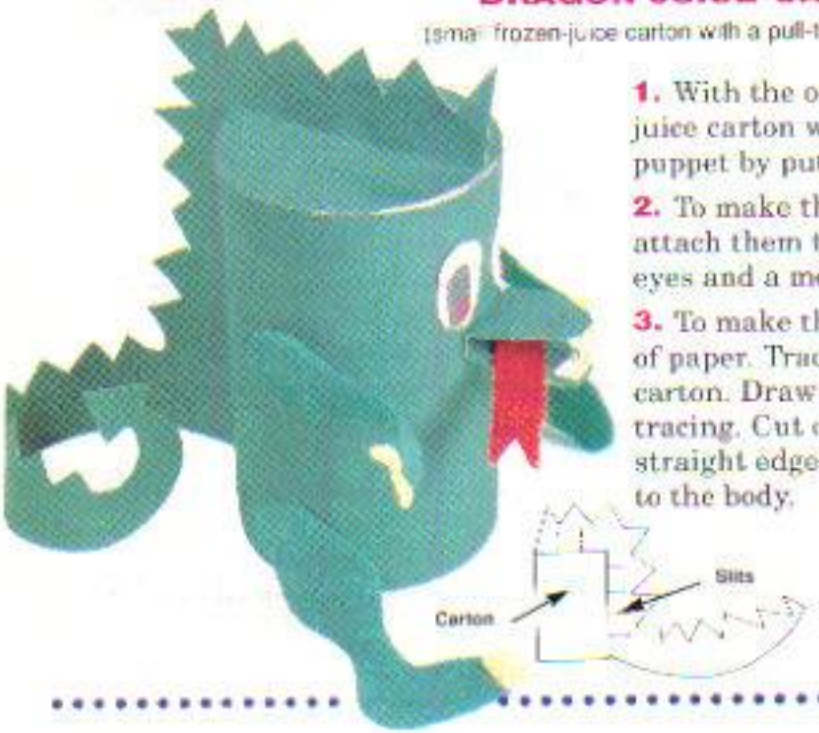
SLITHERY SNAKE SOCK PUPPET

(sock, felt, permanent marker)

1. Place your hand into a sock. Position your hand with four fingers on top and your thumb on the bottom. Press the fingers of your other hand into the outside of the sock between your fingers and thumb to form a mouth.
2. Cut an oval shape from felt to fit inside the mouth. Cut a tongue, eyes, and other features from felt. Glue them to the snake and let dry.
3. With a permanent marker, draw lines for scales on the back of the snake's head.

DRAGON JUICE-CARTON PUPPET

(small frozen-juice carton with a pull-top lid, construction paper, felt)



1. With the opened end turned down, cover a small frozen-juice carton with construction paper. You will work the puppet by putting your fingers inside the carton.
2. To make the legs of the dragon, cut pieces of felt and attach them to the sides of the carton with glue. Add paper eyes and a mouth. Make a tongue and teeth from felt.
3. To make the dragon's tail, place your carton on a piece of paper. Trace along the top and down one side of the carton. Draw the long section of the tail and spikes to your tracing. Cut out the tail and spikes. Make slits along the straight edges. Add glue to the slits and attach the tail to the body.

MILK CARTON STICK PUPPETS

(one-pint milk carton, paper, yarn, plastic-foam balls, wooden dowel)

1. For each puppet, cover a one-pint milk carton with white paper, gluing the paper tightly to the carton.
2. For a dog or a lion, the top of the carton is the top of the animal's head. For a frog, the top of the carton is the face.
3. Paint the carton. Then add features cut from colored paper. Use small plastic-foam balls for the eyes of the frog, or use yarn for the lion's mane.
4. Push a wooden dowel into the carton and glue it in place. Hold the dowel to play with the puppet.

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ENVELOPE PUPPET

(unused business-size envelope, yarn, construction paper)

1. Make a cut across the back of a business-size envelope one-third of the way down. Then seal the envelope flap above and below the cut.

2. Turn the envelope over. Draw a line across the front of it at the same level as the cut on the back.

3. Above the line drawn, add a face and hair from construction paper. Below the line, draw clothes for your puppet.

4. Slide your fingers into the cut in the back of the envelope to work your puppet.

THE LOOK-AROUND CLOWN

(plastic drinking cup, plastic-foam ball, ice-cream stick, felt, rickrack, chenille stick)

1. Push an ice-cream stick into the center of a plastic-foam ball, add glue, and let it dry.

2. Turn a plastic drinking cup upside down. Poke a hole in the center of the bottom of the cup, large enough so the stick can turn around.

3. Decorate the head and body with pieces of felt, rickrack, and chenille stick.

4. Put the ice-cream stick into the cup through the hole. By holding the stick with your hand inside the cup, you can move the clown's head up, down, and around.

FILM CANISTER FINGER PUPPET

(35 mm plastic film canister, paper, facial tissue)

1. Remove the lid from a 35 mm plastic film canister.

2. Glue paper around the sides and a paper circle on the bottom of the canister. Add eyes, a beak, wings, and a tail made from paper. Draw feathers on with a crayon.

3. Place tissue inside the canister to help your finger fit snugly.

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SALT-BOX PUPPET

(round salt box, fabric, lace, ribbon)

1. Measure down one inch from the top of a round salt box and cut around it. Draw a face on the top, using the spout as part of the mouth.
2. Glue a 12-by-8-inch piece of fabric around the rim of the salt-box top. Glue the seam of the fabric together. Glue lace around the fabric edges. Add a ribbon for decoration.
3. Insert one hand into the puppet and grasp the edges of the spout. Move the spout back and forth to make the puppet talk. Cradle the puppet's head in your other hand.

EGG-CARTON FINGER PUPPETS

(cardboard egg carton, plastic-foam balls, poster paint, construction paper)

1. Cut cup sections from a cardboard egg carton and paint them with poster paint.
2. To make the head, glue a plastic-foam ball to the bottom of each egg cup.
3. Cut features from construction paper and attach them with glue.
4. Place one or two fingers inside the egg cup to make your puppet perform.

LITTLE BEAR PUPPET

(large brown paper bag, construction paper, newspaper)

1. Cut down the seam of a large brown paper bag. Then cut the bottom out of the bag so that you have a long flat sheet of brown paper. Crumple the paper many times to soften it. Smooth out the sheet.
2. Fold the paper in half, and draw a bear shape on it. Holding the paper together, cut out two bear shapes.
3. Glue the outside edges of the bear shapes together, leaving the bottom open for your hand.
4. When the glue dries, draw on features and decorate with construction paper. Stuff crumpled newspaper into the head to add a little fullness.

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PAPER-PLATE MONKEY

(two paper plates, construction paper)

1. Place two paper plates on top of each other, right side up. Staple them together halfway around the edges. Fold each unstapled plate half over the stapled section.

2. Place your fingers inside the pocket created. Note where your thumb falls on the back, and tape on a paper loop for your thumb to slide into.

3. Decorate the plate with paper and markers to make the monkey.

NEWSPAPER PUPPET

(newspaper, white paper)

1. You will need six pieces of newspaper, each 11 by 14 inches.

2. Roll five pieces together lengthwise, then wrap the sixth piece around them and tape together.

3. Make 3-inch cuts at one end, about 1/2 inch apart, for the hair. On white paper draw features with markers and glue them in place.

PUPPY PUPPET

(construction paper, brass fasteners, masking tape, string, heavy cardboard)

1. To make the puppy's body, fold a sheet of construction paper in half. Cut out an arch from the side opposite the fold through both pieces.

2. From another color paper, cut out a head and a tail. Attach them to the body loosely with brass fasteners. Make the ears, eyes, spots, and a tongue from paper and glue them on.

3. Cut a piece of heavy cardboard, the same length as the puppy, and cover it with glue and paper. With masking tape, attach a 12-inch length of string to the back of the tail and another to the back of the head. Tape the other ends of the strings to the cardboard.

4. Hold the cardboard in your hand and move it up and down to make your puppet walk.

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PAPER APPLE MOBILE

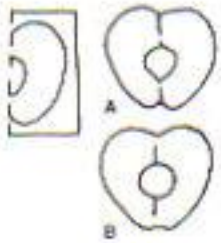
(poster board, needle and heavy thread, apple seeds)

1. Fold a piece of poster board in half. Cut three apple shapes from the board along the fold. Cut a hole in the center of each shape. Outline each shape with red marker.

2. Cut two slits in one apple, at the top and bottom, as shown in A. Cut two slits in two apples, at the center, as shown in B. Insert the slits, forming an apple. Glue the tops together at the folds.

3. Thread apple seeds onto a piece of heavy thread. Glue the thread between one of the apple sections, so the seeds will hang in the center of the apple.

4. Use the remaining thread for a hanger. Make a leaf from paper and glue it to the top of the apple.



FABRIC LEAF MOBILE

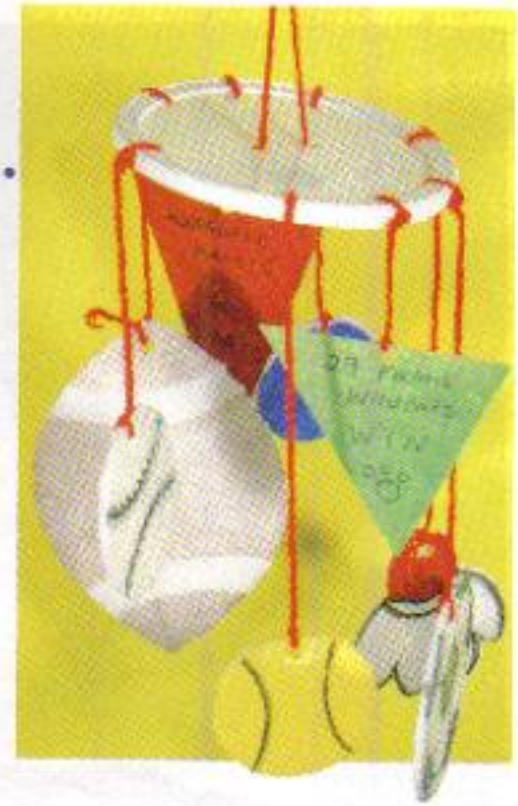
(fabric, poster board, string, small tree branch)

1. Glue colorful fabrics to both sides of a piece of poster board. When the glue dries, cut out leaf shapes.

2. Make a small hole in each leaf with a paper punch and tie a string to each leaf.

3. Tie the other ends of the strings to a small, fallen tree branch.

4. Hang the mobile where the leaves will catch the breeze and flutter.



PLASTIC-FOAM SPORT MOBILE

(plastic-foam trays, poster board, yarn, plastic lid)

1. From plastic-foam trays, draw and cut out objects that represent your favorite sports. Using a paper punch, make a hole in each object and tie a piece of yarn through the hole.

2. Fold a plastic lid in half and punch one hole near the center. Unfold the lid and tie a piece of yarn through the two holes to make a hanger.

3. Punch a hole near the edge of the plastic lid for each object. Tie one object to each hole by its string. Tape a penny to the bottom of the lid to help balance the mobile.

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FLOWER BOX MOBILE

(four small gelatin boxes, one large box, construction paper, yarn)

1. Cover a large box with glue and construction paper. Poke two holes, one opposite the other, in the middle of the narrow side of the box. Insert the ends of a piece of yarn into each hole with glue to form a hanger. Glue a strip of paper around the top of the box, covering the yarn on each side, to help hold the yarn hanger in place.

2. Cover four small gelatin boxes with glue and paper. Decorate them with paper cut-outs, making flowers. With a pencil, poke a hole in the top of each box and glue a piece of yarn into each hole.

3. Poke four holes in the bottom of the large box. Insert the yarn ends from the four small boxes and glue them in place. After the glue has dried, hang the mobile.

PAPER-PLATE BUTTERFLY MOBILE

(paper plates, plastic-foam tray, poster paint, yarn)

1. Draw a butterfly shape on several paper plates. Cut them out and add features on both sides with poster paint.

2. Using a pencil, poke two holes in the center of a plastic-foam tray. To make a hanger, thread a piece of yarn through the holes and tie together.

3. After the butterflies have dried, poke two holes in the middle of each one. Thread a long piece of yarn through the holes of each butterfly and tie a knot. Poke a hole in the tray for each butterfly. Tie a butterfly on its string to each hole. Crease the butterflies in the middle so they look as though they are flying.

PAPER BIRD MOBILE

(plastic-foam tray, twigs, dried grass, construction paper, yarn)

1. Cut out the shape of a bird's nest from a piece of construction paper and glue it to a plastic-foam tray. Glue on pieces of twigs and dried grass. Cut a bird from paper and attach it with glue.

2. Using a paper punch, make two holes at the top of the tray and tie a piece of yarn through as a hanger.

3. Cut more birds from paper. Punch a hole at the top of each bird and tie a long piece of yarn through each hole.

4. Punch a hole for each bird in the bottom of the tray underneath the nest. Tie the end of the yarn from each bird through a hole.

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WALNUT SHELL STRAWBERRY MOBILE

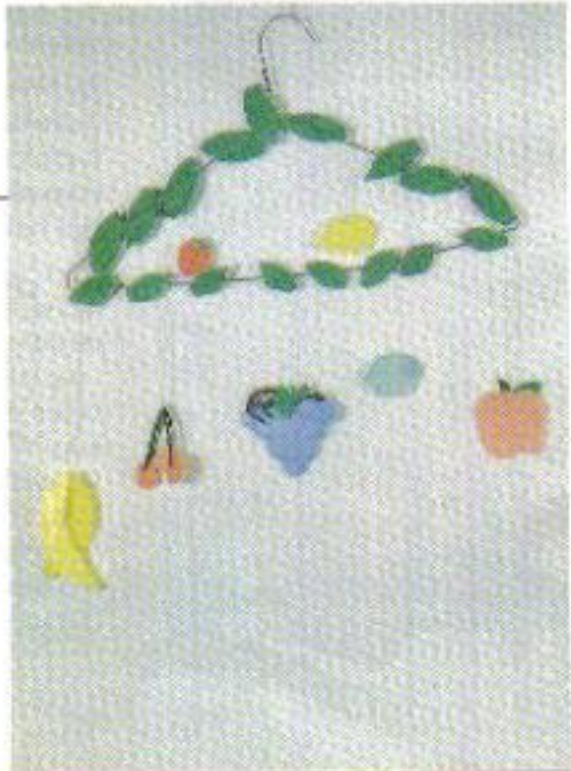
(walnuts, poster paint, yarn, felt, cardboard tape ring)

1. Paint six whole walnuts red. Use black paint to make dots for seeds. When dry, glue a long piece of green yarn to the top of each one for a hanger.
2. Cut six leaves from green felt. Poke a hole in the center of each, string one down the yarn hanger of each strawberry, and glue in place.
3. Paint an empty cardboard tape ring. Tie only five of the strawberries around the ring by their yarn hangers, leaving about 4 inches of yarn at the top.
4. Join all of the top ends of yarn together plus the sixth strawberry, which should hang through the middle of the ring. Tie the yarn ends in a knot and hang the mobile.

COTTON SNOWMAN MOBILE

(heavy paper, cotton balls, yarn, felt, construction paper)

1. Cut a two-inch, a three-inch, and a four-inch circle from heavy paper.
2. Join them by gluing a piece of yarn down the center of the three circles. Leave a small space between the circles and a long piece of yarn on top for hanging.
3. Cover both sides of the circles with glue and cotton balls. Glue on felt features. Make a hat from two pieces of construction paper, and glue onto the string.
4. Hang the snowman where the wind will twirl it.



PLASTIC-FOAM FRUIT MOBILE

(plastic-foam trays, string, construction paper, felt, wire clothes hanger)

1. Cut leaf shapes from green construction paper. Attach the leaves to a wire clothes hanger, gluing a leaf to each side of the hanger.
2. To make the fruits, cut shapes from different colored plastic-foam trays. Add features with pieces of felt.
3. Poke holes through the plastic-foam fruits with a toothpick. Tie a long string through each hole. Tie the other end to the clothes hanger.

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SUNSHINE BRINGS FLOWERS

(construction paper, plastic-foam tray, thread)

1. Cut a triangle shape from a plastic-foam tray. Cover it with a sun cut from construction paper.
2. Cut and glue flowers made from paper.
3. Tape long pieces of thread from the flowers to the sun.
4. Attach a yarn loop to the back of the sun to hang the mobile.

MIXED-UP CHARACTER MOBILE

(lightweight cardboard, string)

1. On two pieces of lightweight cardboard, draw six or seven horizontal lines about an inch apart.
2. On each piece of cardboard, draw a picture of a different character. Start with the head on the first line and end with the feet on the last line. Cut the pictures apart along the horizontal lines.
3. Lay the strips of one picture face down, leaving small spaces between the strips. Apply glue to the backs of these strips and lay a piece of string in the center, leaving extra string at the top for a hanger.
4. Glue each piece of the second picture, face up, on top of the pieces of the first picture. Be sure to keep the pieces in the correct order.

EGG-CARTON BAT BRANCH

(plastic-foam egg carton, construction paper, tree branch, yarn)

1. For each bat, cut two cups from a plastic-foam egg carton. Make wings from black paper and glue them between the cups.
2. Cut pointed ears from paper and glue in place. Add paper-punch dot eyes and a mouth cut from paper.
3. Glue a thread to each bat and tie them to a fallen tree branch. Tie pieces of yarn to the branch to hang it as a mobile.

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FROG PAPERWEIGHT

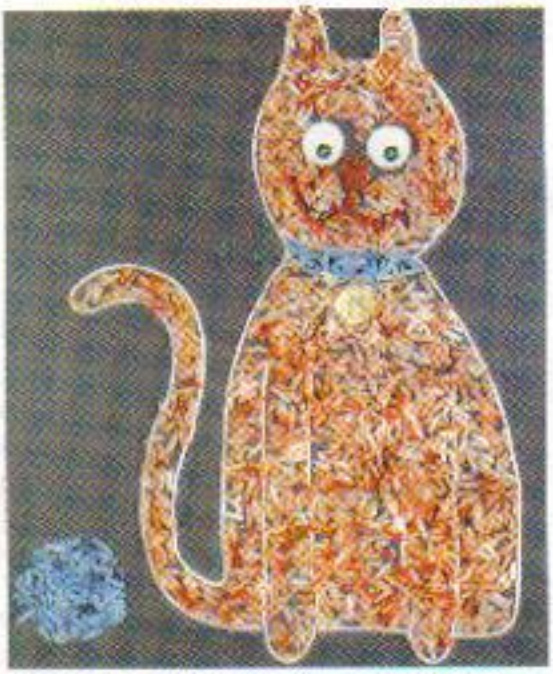
(a rock, poster paint, felt)

1. With green and white poster paint, paint a rock to look like a frog. Add features with a marker.
2. Cut a lily pad from a piece of felt and glue it underneath the frog.

CAT PICTURE

(uncooked white rice, heavy paper, string, paper, straw, sequins)

1. With glue, draw a picture of a cat on a piece of heavy paper. Press pieces of string into the glue, forming an outline of your picture.
2. To color uncooked rice, pour a little white rice into a paper cup. Add a few drops of food coloring and stir the rice with a straw to spread the color. Let the rice dry.
3. Cover one area of your picture with glue, and sprinkle the rice over it. Continue like this until the whole picture is covered. Add features with paper and sequins and let dry.
4. Blow away any rice that has not stuck in place. Add a string hanger to the back.



PINECONE FLUFFY OWL

(pinecone, cotton balls, yarn, felt)

1. Dab glue between the petals of a pinecone. Stuff a thin layer of cotton in between these petals.
2. Glue a yarn loop on top of the pinecone.
3. Glue on feet and facial features cut from felt.

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NATURE CARD

(construction paper, clear self-adhesive paper, dried flowers)

1. For the card, fold a piece of construction paper in half. Fold it in half again. Then unfold the card. Draw an oval in the lower right-hand square. Cut out the oval with scissors. Fold the paper in half again so the oval opening is on the top.
2. Cut two oval shapes larger than the oval shape in the card from clear self-adhesive paper. Remove the backing from one piece and place dried flowers on the sticky side. Remove the backing from the other piece and place it on top of the flowers pressing both pieces together with the flowers in between.
3. Unfold the card again. Tape the flowers within the opening of the card. Refold to form the card. Write a message on the inside.

MINISEED FLOWER PICTURE

(orange and apple seeds, construction paper, greeting card box with a clear acetate top)

1. Wash and dry orange and apple seeds.
2. Remove the clear acetate top from a greeting card box. Cover the outside of the box with glue and construction paper.
3. Cut and glue a piece of paper to the inside of the box.
4. Cut and glue pieces of paper for the grass, stems, and leaves. Then glue the seeds to form the flowers.
5. Put the clear acetate top back on the box. Place it on a shelf.

UNDERWATER WORLD

(plastic-foam tray, permanent marker, thread, glass container with screw-top lid, sand, rocks, seashells, plastic bread bag, water)

1. With a permanent marker, draw and decorate fish on a plastic-foam tray.
2. Make a small hole at the bottom center of each fish. Tie one end of a long piece of thread through the hole. Tie the other end of the thread to a rock or seashell.
3. Place sand, rocks, shells, and colored seaweed cut from a plastic bread bag into the bottom of a glass container. Add the fish.
4. Slowly add water to the container, screw on the lid, and watch your fish float.

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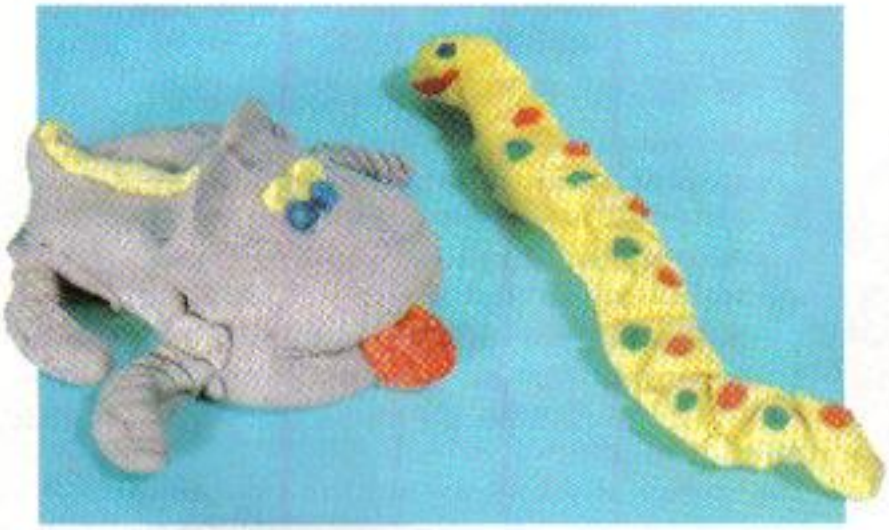
ACORN PEBBLE CREATURES

(peboles, acorns, moveable plastic eyes)

1. Glue acorns and pebbles together to form a creature. Squeeze on the glue and let it become "tacky" before putting the parts together.
2. Glue on moveable plastic eyes.



MODELING CLAY ANIMALS

(salt, flour, water, cooking oil, food coloring, waxed paper)

1. In a bowl, combine 1 cup salt, 2 cups flour, 1 cup water, and 3 tablespoons cooking oil. Mix well. Put the "clay" on a floured board and knead. (You may need to add a little more flour if it is too sticky.)
2. Roll pieces of the "clay" into balls. Poke a hole in each ball of clay with your finger and add a drop of food coloring to each. Knead again and watch the clay become colored.
3. Shape the clay into animals or creatures. Place them on a piece of waxed paper to dry. Let them sit for a couple of days to dry thoroughly.

TWIG WREATH

(twigs, string, ribbon)

1. Gather several flexible twigs and bend the ends together to form a wreath shape. Tie the ends together with string.
2. Wrap ribbon around the wreath, and attach a bow.

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SEASHELL PLANTER

(small plastic bottle, sand, seashells)

1. Soak a small plastic bottle in warm water to make it easier to cut. Using scissors, cut away the top section.
2. Glue seashells onto the bottle in a pattern and let them dry.
3. Spread glue over the rest of the bottle, and sprinkle it with sand. Gently press the sand into the glue to help it stick.

PINECONE FLOWERS

(pinecone, acorn top, twig)

1. Cut small petals from a pinecone with scissors.
2. Arrange the petals in a circular pattern, with the inside areas touching. Add glue and let them dry.
3. Add a small twig for a stem and an acorn top for the flower center.

NESTING BIRDS

(tree bark, sticks, whole unshelled peanuts, toothpicks, poster paint, moveable plastic eyes, straw, grass, hay, beans)

1. Collect pieces of bark from the ground as a base for the nesting bird. Glue on sticks for bushes or trees.
2. Paint a peanut with poster paint, and let it dry. Glue on pieces of toothpicks for the legs and beak. Make eyes from circles of paper, or glue on moveable plastic eyes.
3. Place a dab of glue where you want the nest. Mix little pieces of straw, grass, or hay with the glue. Let the nest dry.
4. Color dried beans with paint and glue them into the nest as eggs.

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INITIAL SHIELD

(poster board, construction paper, sequins)

1. Cut a piece of poster board in the shape of a shield about 18 inches high.
2. With strips of construction paper, divide the shield into three sections as shown.
3. Decorate the three sections, one with your initials, one with a variety of shapes and materials, and another with a picture. This can be very personal and unique.

WEATHER WHEEL

(paper plate, brass fastener, construction paper, yarn)

1. Cut paper clouds, snowflakes, raindrops, and a sun or other symbols that represent types of weather.
2. Arrange the symbols around the inside edge of a paper plate and glue them to the plate.
3. Cut an arrow from paper. Fasten it to the center of the plate with a brass fastener.
4. At the top of the plate, punch a hole and tie a piece of yarn through it. Hang up the weather wheel. Point the arrow to show what the weather is like each day.

MACARONI PICTURE

(macaroni, plastic-foam tray, construction paper, food coloring)

1. Put a few drops of food coloring and water in a small paper cup. Put several pieces of macaroni in the mixture to color.
2. Leave the macaroni pieces in the mixture for about five minutes and remove them with a spoon. Lay them on a paper towel to dry. Turn the pieces occasionally so they will not stick to the towel.
3. Glue construction paper and the macaroni onto a plastic-foam tray.
4. Attach a yarn loop to the back of the tray for hanging.

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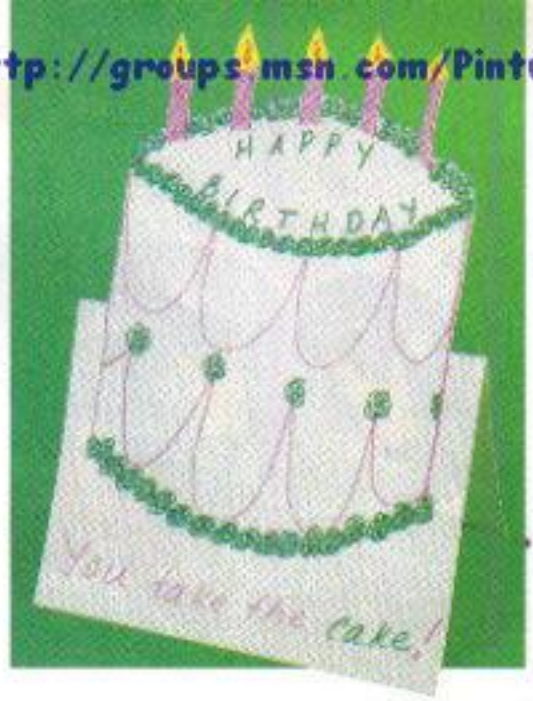


STAND-UP BIRTHDAY GREETING

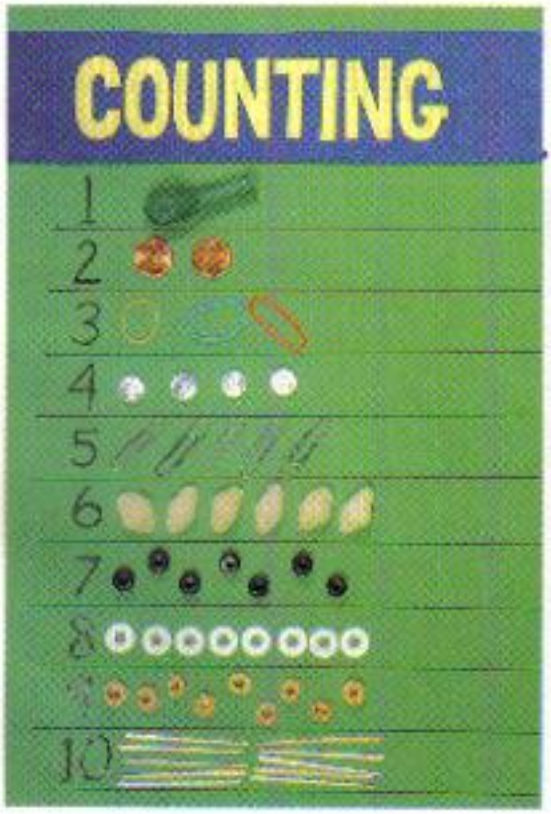
(heavy paper, permanent markers)

1. Fold a long piece of heavy paper in half.
2. Open the card. On the bottom half, just below the fold, draw the bottom part of a birthday cake. On the top half, just above the fold, draw the top part of the cake.
3. Starting at the fold, cut very carefully around the top of the cake. Fold the card back so it will stand up. Write a message inside.

BUTTON-NOSE CLOWN

(felt, yarn)

1. Cut out a circle of felt. In the center of the circle, cut a slit that is large enough for a shirt button to go through.
2. Glue on pieces of yarn and felt to make a clown face, hair, and hat. Do not give the clown a nose.
3. Button the clown to your shirt through the slit in its face. The button will be the clown's nose.



TOUCH-ME NUMBER POSTER

(10 of some object such as buttons, 9 of another object, and so on down to 1 object, cardboard, yarn)

1. Collect interesting small objects that are alike. You'll need ten of some object, nine of another, and so on. Plan ahead so you have room for everything.
2. Draw ten evenly spaced lines across a piece of cardboard, leaving space at the top for a title.
3. Add the title using markers or paper.
4. Draw the number 1 on the first line and then glue on one object (maybe a balloon). On the second line, draw the number 2 and glue on two objects that are alike. Continue writing numbers and adding objects until you complete the number 10.

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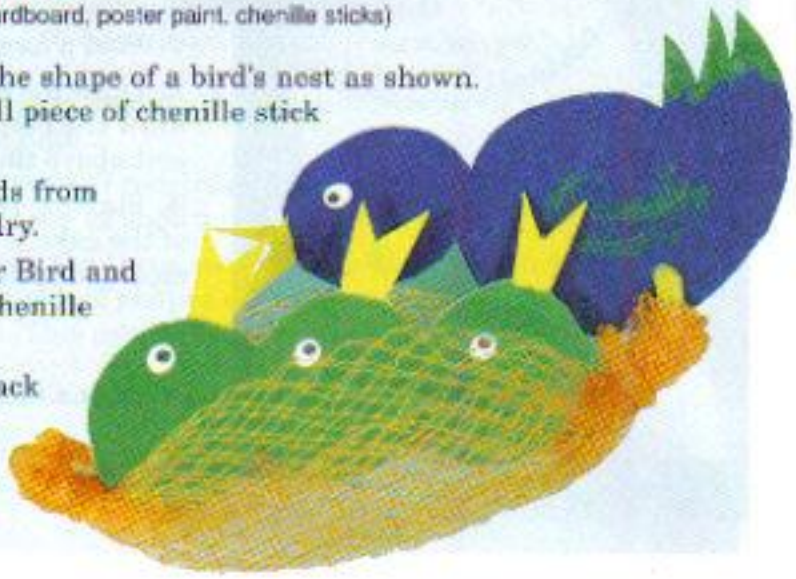
BIRD'S NEST

(plastic mesh vegetable bag, lightweight cardboard, poster paint, chenille sticks)



1. Form a plastic mesh vegetable bag into the shape of a bird's nest as shown. Fasten the ends together by twisting a small piece of chenille stick around them.
2. Cut a Mother Bird and a row of baby birds from lightweight cardboard. Paint them and let dry.
3. Punch a hole at the bottom of the Mother Bird and attach her to the mesh bag with a piece of chenille stick.
4. Glue a piece of chenille stick along the back of the baby birds with the ends extending. Twist the ends into the mesh bag to hold the baby birds in the nest.

FOIL-EMBOSSED PICTURE

(aluminum foil, lightweight cardboard, permanent markers)

1. Cut various shapes from a piece of lightweight cardboard and glue them to another piece of cardboard.
2. Place a piece of aluminum foil over the entire design, folding the foil over the edges and taping it to the back of the cardboard.
3. Carefully rub your fingers over the foil. As you rub, your design will appear. Color the embossed foil picture with permanent markers.

PEANUT ANT TRAIL

(peanut hulls, poster paint, construction paper)

1. Use a table knife to split several peanut hulls in half.
2. Think about a picture, making the peanut hulls into some type of animal, creature, or character.
3. Paint the peanut hulls and let them dry. Make a picture using construction paper and glue.
4. Glue the peanut hulls to your picture. Add features with markers.

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NOTEBOOK HOUSE

(large notebook, old magazines or catalogs)

1. Using a large notebook, you can make a house with many rooms for paper dolls.
2. Stand the notebook with the pages open to form a corner. Cut pictures from old magazines or catalogs. Glue the pictures to the pages.
3. Open to other pages and make other rooms. If the pages don't stay open well enough, secure the top with paper clips.

PERSONALIZED BOOKMARK

(poster board, photograph, old magazines)

1. Cut a strip of poster board. Cut another strip, slightly smaller, from another piece of colored poster board and glue the strips together.
2. Glue your photograph at the top of the bookmark. Add your name with markers.
3. Decorate your bookmark with cutouts from old magazines.

SCARECROW

(large brown paper bag, yarn, old magazines, fabric)

1. Cut one side from a large brown paper bag.
2. Draw a scarecrow shape on the brown paper. Cut it out. Cut shirt, pants, and a hat from scraps of fabric or from pictures in an old magazine and glue them on.
3. Cut out patches and glue them onto the clothes. Make the hair from yarn. Add paper cutouts for a face.
4. Attach the scarecrow to a stick or glue a loop of yarn to its head and hang it up.

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PAPER LEAVES

(construction paper, several leaves)

1. Collect several well-shaped leaves and trace them on pieces of brightly colored construction paper. Cut out the paper leaves and cut each down the middle "vein."
2. Place the cut paper leaves on a piece of black construction paper. Then cut two or three side "veins" and move the pieces apart just a bit to form a leaf jigsaw puzzle.
3. The black paper showing through will be the veins. Glue the pieces down.

PAPER BABY OWL

(construction paper)

1. Cut a half-moon shape from construction paper to make the body of a baby owl.
2. To make eyes, cut two large white circles. Cut two smaller black circles and glue them in the centers of the white circles.
3. Cut a diamond shape from paper. Fold it in half to form a triangle for the beak, and glue it in place.
4. Cut two orange feet from paper. Glue all the shapes together to make the baby owl.

LASAGNA MOSAIC

(uncooked lasagna noodles, poster paint, poster board)

1. Think about a simple picture you would like to create. Make a pencil outline of the picture on a 9-inch by 12-inch piece of white poster board.
2. Using poster paint, color flat lasagna noodles the colors you need for your design. Remember that the background may take more noodles than the rest of your shapes. Let the noodles dry for about two hours.
3. Break each dry noodle into small pieces. Following your outline, fill in the design with the pieces of broken lasagna. Fit the pieces as closely together as you can.
4. Lift each piece and add a small dot of glue on the unpainted side to glue the mosaic pieces in place.
5. When your mosaic has dried completely, glue it onto a larger piece of poster board and add a yarn hanger.

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NEWSPAPER-YARN LIZARD

(newspaper, yarn, felt, paper)

1. Roll newspaper loosely. Bend, twist, and tape the roll into a lizard shape.
2. Squeeze glue onto the roll and wrap it with yarn. Fill in small areas with pieces of yarn and glue.
3. Cut ears, feet, and other parts from felt. Glue on paper eyes.

PAPER-PLATE OCTOPUS

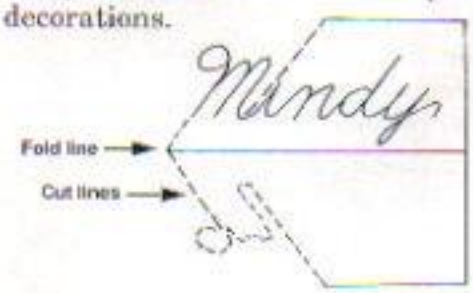
(paper plates, poster paint)

1. Cover several paper plates with poster paint. Cut a body and two tentacles from one paper plate as shown.
2. From the other plates, cut six more tentacles. Attach the tentacles with glue or staples.
3. Paint or draw on features.

DECORATIVE NAME DESIGN

(construction paper)

1. Fold a sheet of construction paper in half.
2. Write your name on the fold. Cut around the outline of your name but do not cut the fold.
3. Open up the cutout and glue it on a piece of paper. Decide what your name looks like—maybe an animal—and add decorations.



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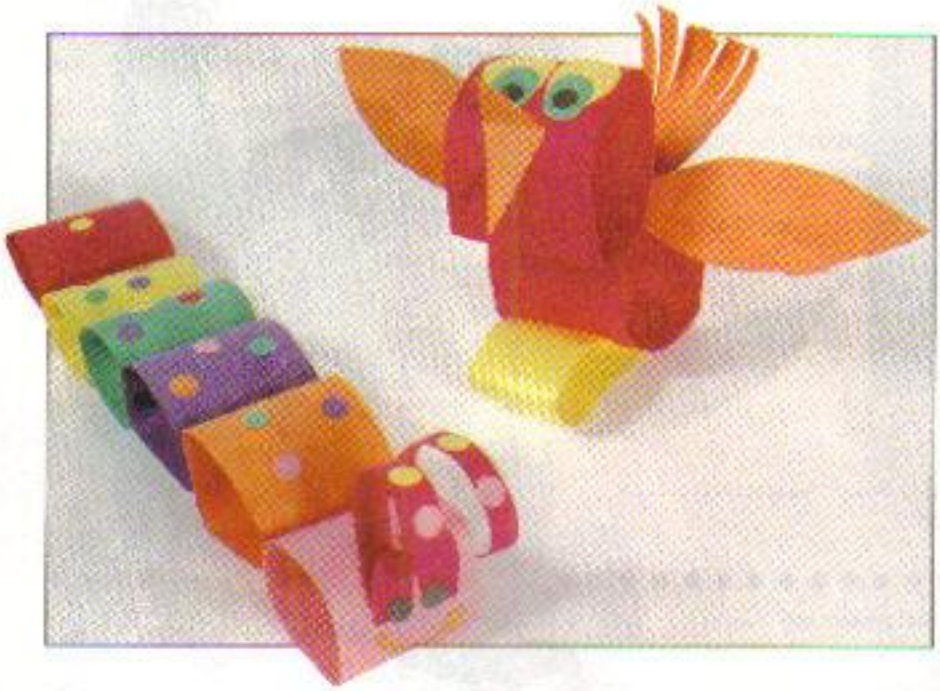
SUNNY-PICTURE CARD

(construction paper, plastic-foam trays)

1. Use a piece of blue construction paper for the base of your picture. Add green paper for grass.
2. Cut out a sun, flowers, stems, and leaves from different colored plastic-foam trays. Glue all the pieces to the base.
3. Write a message in the grass with a marker.



PAPER-LOOP CATERPILLAR AND BIRD

(construction paper)

1. Cut 1-inch-wide strips of colored construction paper. Cut and glue the strips into various-sized loops.
2. To make a caterpillar, glue together small paper loops. Attach paper-punch dots to decorate. Add eyes, mouth, and antennae.
3. To make the bird, make a large loop for the body, and two smaller loops, one for the head and one for the legs. Glue them together.
4. Cut eyes, a beak, wings, and tail feathers from paper and glue them on the head and body. Cut small slits along the paper edges to give a feathery look.

COTTON-BALL PICTURE

(cotton balls, paper, chenille stick, food coloring)

1. Dip cotton balls into small cups of water mixed with food coloring. Squeeze the water out of the cotton balls and let them dry.
2. Draw a picture with markers on a piece of paper. Glue the colored cotton balls to different parts of the picture.
3. Add details with cutouts and pieces from a chenille stick.

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PAPER PLATE SPIRAL

(paper plate)

1. Starting at the rim of a paper plate, cut a spiral as shown. Keep the body of the snake about an inch wide.
2. Color the body and add features.
3. Either let your snake hang by tying a piece of string from the head, or wrap it within the foliage of a house plant.

TISSUE FLOWER SEE-THROUGH

(facial tissue, waxed paper, watercolors, construction paper)

1. Separate a facial tissue into two layers. Lay only one tissue on a piece of waxed paper.
2. With watercolors, paint flowers on the tissue and let it dry.
3. Cut a paper frame from a piece of construction paper. Tape the painted tissue to the frame.
4. Hang your picture in a window.

PENNANTS

(felt or cloth)

1. Cut a pennant shape from felt or cloth.
2. Make letters that spell a short word or form initials. Glue these to the pennant along with other designs you cut out.
3. Hang the pennant in your room.

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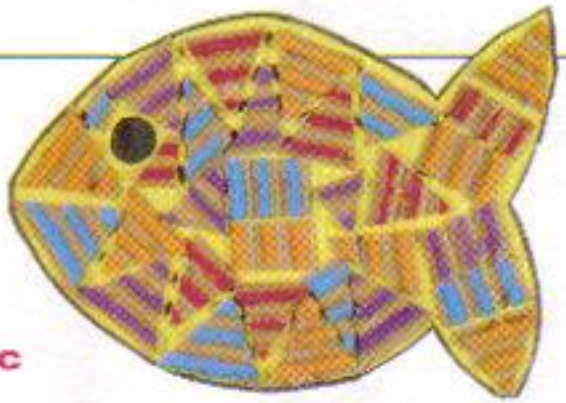
BOTTLE-TOP PICTURE

(bottle tops, poster board, construction paper, yarn, buttons)

1. On a piece of poster board, move several different-sized bottle tops around to make a picture.
2. Cover the tops with paper by placing one top at a time on a piece of construction paper. Trace around its edge, and cut out the circles. Glue them on the tops.
3. Glue each top to the poster board. Add yarn, buttons, paper, and other features drawn with markers.
4. Attach a yarn loop to the back of your picture for a hanger.



CORRUGATED CARDBOARD FISH MOSAIC

(corrugated cardboard, poster paint, construction paper)

1. Strip the paper off one side of a piece of corrugated cardboard, exposing the ridges of the cardboard.
2. Paint the ridges with different colors and let them dry. Cut the cardboard into tiny shapes, such as triangles or squares.
3. Draw a fish on a piece of construction paper. Fill in the outline of the fish with the tiny shapes of painted cardboard, fitting them as closely together as you can.
4. Lift each piece and apply a small dot of glue to the unpainted side.
5. When your mosaic has dried completely, add a yarn hanger to the back.

PAPER-PLATE PORCUPINE

(paper plates, watercolors)

1. For the body of the porcupine, cut a 9-inch paper plate in half. With scissors, cut slits around the rim area, making quills.
2. On another paper plate, draw and cut out a porcupine's head and tail, also cutting slits for quills. Then, cut out four legs.
3. Place the paper plate halves back to back for the body. Insert the head, tail, and legs between the halves. Glue them in place. Hold them together with paper clips until dry.
4. Cut three rim sections from other paper plates. Cut slits around the edges for quills and glue them to the body of the porcupine. Cover the porcupine with watercolors. Add features with markers.

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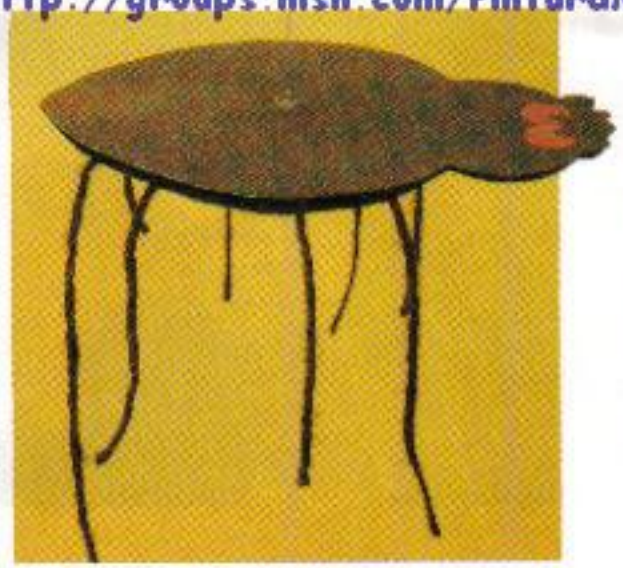


SPIDER

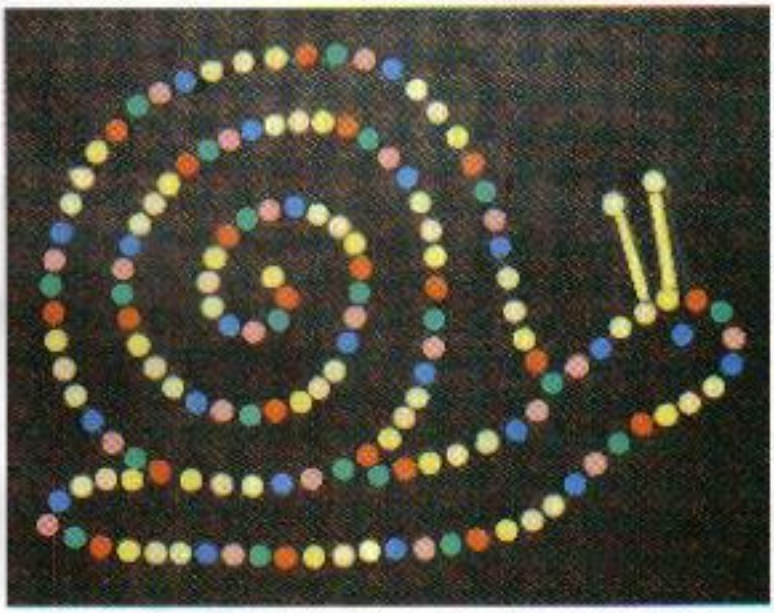
(construction paper, yarn, thread)

1. From black construction paper, cut two identical bodies of a spider.
2. For the legs, cut pieces of black yarn. Each piece of yarn should be three times longer than the width of the body.
3. Lay the legs across one body shape, then lay the other body shape on top. Glue them together. Place them under a heavy object and let them dry.
4. Glue a black thread to the middle of the body, and let dry. Add eyes cut from paper. Hang the spider in a corner.

SAND FLOWERS

(sand, plastic food bag, food coloring, twist-tie, construction paper)

1. Color sand by placing it in a plastic food bag and adding a few drops of food coloring. Seal the opening with a twist-tie and shake it well.
2. Use glue to design a flower on construction paper. Sprinkle colored sand onto the glue.
3. Form other flowers and sprinkle them with sand. Add a loop of yarn to the back for a hanger.



PAPER-PUNCH ART

(construction paper)

1. Draw a snail or other design on a piece of black construction paper. Try to keep your drawing simple.
2. Use a paper punch to make dots from colored construction paper.
3. Put about ten dabs of glue along a line of your drawing. Cover each dab with a paper dot.
4. Repeat until the entire outline of your drawing is covered with evenly spaced dots.

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(construction paper)

1. Fold a piece of construction paper in half. Cut an arch from the bottom as shown. One arch will be the lion's head; the other will be for the ears and tail; the remaining folded section will be the body.

2. Glue the head in the center of a square piece of brown paper. Cut jagged edges to make the lion's mane. Add ears.

3. Glue the head to the body. Cut eyes, nose, tongue, and whiskers from other pieces of paper. Add the tail.

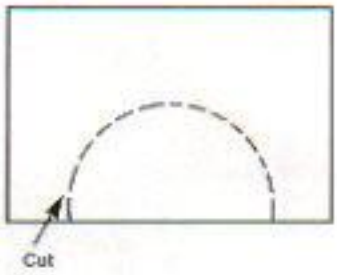
TOOL ANIMAL PICTURE

(hammer or other tool, paper)

1. Place a hammer, pliers, scissors, or any other tool you may have on a piece of paper.

2. Trace around the tool with a pencil and cut out the shape. What does it look like? A person? A horse? A fish?

3. Glue the shape to a larger piece of paper. Add details, such as eyes, mouth, and so on, with a marker.



LITTER CONTAINER

(half-gallon milk carton, old magazines)

1. Cut off three of the four folded sections at the top of a half-gallon milk carton as shown.

2. In the remaining section, cut a round hole large enough to hang the carton over a knob in your family car.

3. From old magazines, cut pictures and glue them all over the carton, covering it completely. Let the pictures dry.

4. Place the finished litter container in your car, and remind your family to use it.

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BIG FOOT RACE

(cardboard, shallow tissue box, construction paper)

1. For each pair of "Big Feet," cut two large feet from cardboard. Also cut a shallow tissue box in half. Cover the feet and the box halves with glue and paper leaving the cut end open.

2. Glue the feet to the boxes. Add toenails from paper and glue them to each foot.

3. To race, set your goal. Each player puts on a pair of feet over his or her shoes. Now line up for the start. At a signal everyone begins. The first to reach the goal without losing either one of the "Big Feet" is the winner. (The "trick" is to lift your knees high and go at a marching pace.)

PERSONAL BULLETIN BOARD

(corrugated cardboard box, paper plate, construction paper, yarn, crayons)

1. Cut a large rectangle from a corrugated cardboard box.

2. Draw a face on a paper plate. Glue it to the back of the cardboard at the top.

3. On construction paper, trace around your hands and shoes. Cut the shapes out and glue them in place as shown.

4. Prop the bulletin board up at the back of your desk. Attach notes, pictures, or whatever you like to the board.

TWIRLING MONKEY

(construction paper, chenille stick, plastic drinking straw)

1. Draw and cut out circles from construction paper. Glue these together to make the monkey.

2. Staple pieces of chenille sticks to the monkey for the arms and the legs.

3. Wrap the ends of the arms around a plastic drinking straw.

4. Hold the straw in your hand, and swing the monkey around the straw.

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BERRY-BASKET SNOWFLAKES

(plastic berry baskets, yarn)

1. Cut the bottoms from plastic berry baskets.
2. Using scissors, trim the edges or sections within the weave to look like snowflakes.
3. Glue two snowflakes together diagonally. Add a yarn-loop hanger.

LITTLE RED HEN AND HER CHICKS

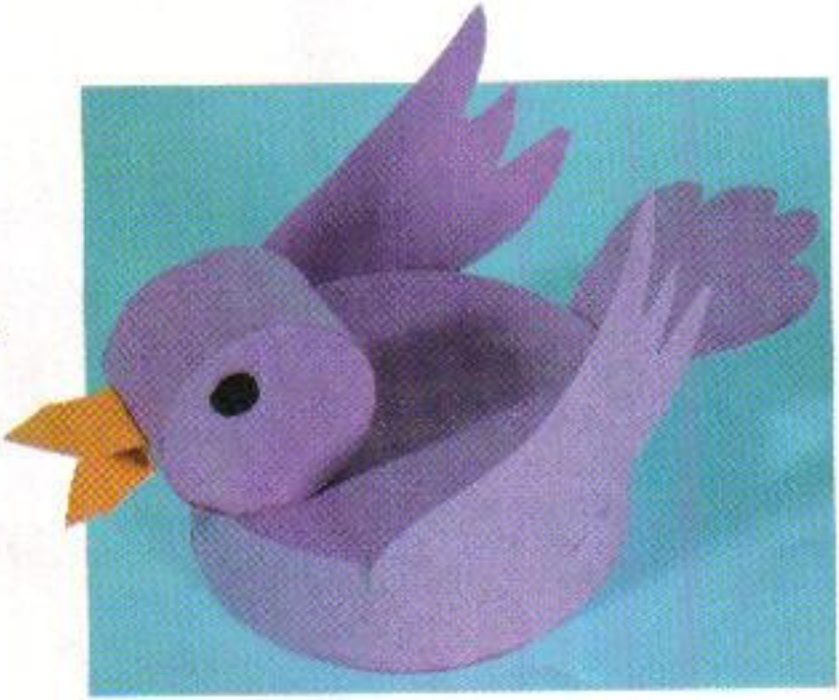
(corrugated cardboard, poster board, white paper, plastic drinking straws, cardboard egg carton, yarn)

1. Cut a hen and her chicks from corrugated cardboard. Paint the bodies and let them dry. Outline them with glue and yarn.
2. Cut narrow strips of white paper. Roll them around a pencil. Dip the edges in glue and place them on the bodies.
3. Push a short length of plastic drinking straw dipped in glue into the underside of each body.
4. To make a stand, cut a cup section from a cardboard egg carton. Poke a hole in the bottom and insert the other end of the straw. Add glue to hold it in place.

CARDBOARD RING BIRD

(cardboard tape ring, bathroom tissue tube, construction paper, felt)

1. For the body, cut and glue a strip of construction paper around the outside of a cardboard tape ring. Place the ring on a piece of paper. Trace around the ring and cut out the circle. Glue the circle on the ring.
2. To make the head, cut a 1-inch section from a bathroom tissue tube and cover it with paper.
3. Glue the head to the body. Cut wings and a tail from paper and glue them in place.
4. Add a beak and eyes made from felt.



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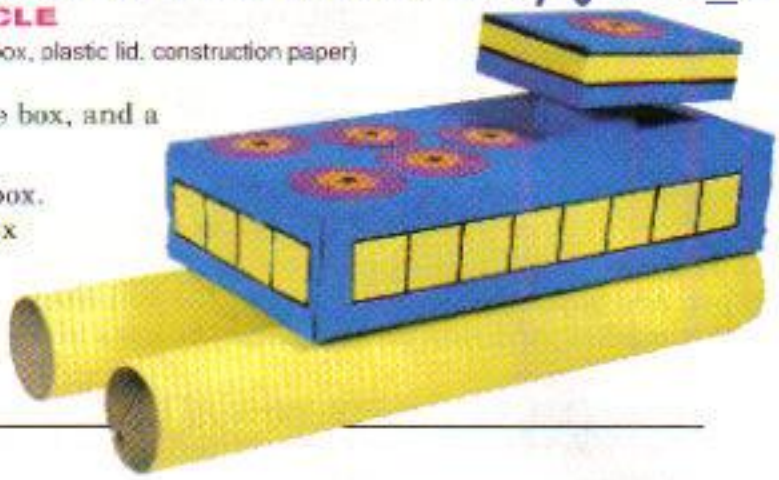
SPACE VEHICLE

(two paper towel tubes, small tissue box, gelatin box, plastic lid, construction paper)



1. Cover two paper towel tubes, a small tissue box, and a gelatin box with construction paper.
2. Glue the tubes to the bottom of the tissue box. Glue a small, plastic lid between the tissue box and the gelatin box.
3. Add windows and decorations made from paper.

BOX-AND-BAG HORSE

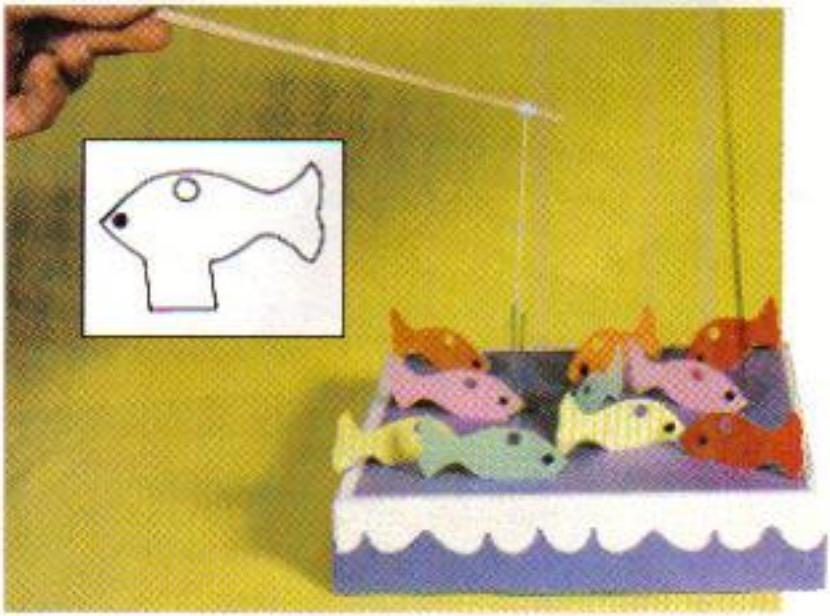
(two small boxes, one medium box, two small brown paper bags, construction paper, old newspaper)

1. To make the body of the horse, use one medium-sized box and two small boxes for the legs and hooves.
2. Cover the boxes with construction paper. Glue the boxes together, making the body of the horse.
3. Stuff one small brown paper bag with rolled up newspaper. Tape it to the body for the neck and head of the horse.
4. Cut a tail and mane from another small brown paper bag. Attach them with glue. Cut circles from the bag for spots and glue them on the horse. Add features with paper and markers.

FISHING GAME

(cardboard box lid, construction paper, lightweight cardboard, wooden stick, string, paper clip)

1. Cut out blue waves from construction paper and glue them to the sides of a box lid. Cover the top of the lid with blue paper. Cut slits in the top.
2. Glue paper on both sides of a piece of lightweight cardboard. Draw and cut out fish shapes as shown. Punch a hole in the top of each fish.
3. Make a fishing pole from a stick and a piece of string. The hook is a bent paper clip.
4. How many fish can you catch together on the hook in three minutes?



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THREAD-SPOOL WIZARD

(fabric, two thread spools, glitter, yarn, star stickers, toothpick, paper)

1. To make the body of the wizard, use a large thread spool. Cut a 6-inch circle of fabric. Glue the fabric to the spool top. Place a rubber band around the rim to hold the fabric in place until the glue dries.

2. To make the head, use a smaller spool. Cover it with paper. Add paper-punch eyes. Draw a nose and mouth with a marker. Add yarn for hair. Glue the head to the body.

3. To make a hat, cut a small round circle from paper. Cut a slit from the edge of the circle to the center. Pull the edges together, making a cone shape, and glue together. Glue the hat to the head.

4. Cut out hands and feet from paper and glue them to the body. To make a wand, cover a toothpick with glue and glitter. Add a star sticker to the hat and wand.

COOKIE CASTLE

(half-gallon milk carton, construction paper)

1. Cut off the top flaps of a half-gallon milk carton.

2. Cover the outside with a piece of paper that is higher than the height of the carton. Tape the seams together.

3. At the top of the carton, cut sections out of the paper for turrets. With markers decorate the paper to look like a castle. Add a window and a door.

4. Place cookies inside your castle.

LID CREATURE

(assorted bottle caps and jar lids, poster paint, construction paper)

1. Think of the kind of creature you would like to make and collect bottle caps and jar lids.

2. Cover some caps and lids with glue and paper. Add poster paint to others. Glue the caps and lids together to make a creature. Let dry thoroughly.

3. Add features with cut paper and glue.

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PAPER-CIRCLE BIRD

(construction paper)

1. Cut 1-inch-wide strips of different colored construction paper.
2. For the body, use six strips to make circles of different sizes. Place one inside the other, as shown, and staple.
3. Make the head with two paper circles of different sizes, and staple it to the body.
4. To make the tail, stack several strips of paper, one on top of the other, and staple them to the bottom of the body. Trim the tail strips to different lengths and cut slits to fringe them.
5. Cut two paper circles for the eyes and glue them in place. For the beak, fold a short strip of paper and glue it to the head. Shape the end of the beak to a point with scissors.

DOLL CRADLE

(round cornmeal container, poster paint, cardboard, construction paper)

1. Cut a round cornmeal container in half lengthwise. Do not cut the lid. After you have cut the container in half, glue on the lid for a headboard.
2. Cut a circle of cardboard larger than the round ends of the box. Cut this in half. Glue one half to each end for rockers.
3. Paint the cradle and decorate it with cut paper flowers.

BOTTLE HOUSE

(plastic detergent bottle, construction paper)

1. Soak the plastic bottle in warm water to help soften the plastic. Cut around the bottle with scissors about three or four inches from the bottom.
2. Cut the door and some windows from paper, and glue them on. Add more details with markers.
3. To make the roof, fold a piece of paper and glue it to the top of the house.
4. Add cut-out paper grass and flowers.

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PAPER-PLATE CAR

(paper plate, chenille stick)

1. Cut a paper plate in half, leaving two rounded sections at the bottom for wheels. Do this again with another plate, using the first one as a pattern for tracing.
2. Poke holes at the top and sides of the plates. Place small pieces of chenille sticks in the holes and twist the ends together.
3. Using a marker, color the wheels and draw windows and a door.

THREAD-SPOOL LIGHTHOUSE

(thread spools, construction paper)

1. To make a spool lighthouse, glue thread spools of different sizes together with the smaller spools on top.
2. Cover the spools with glue and construction paper. Add windows and the door.

SHOE-BOX DOG

(shoe box, poster paint, construction paper)

1. Cut a shoe box and its lid in half widthwise. Cover the sections with poster paint and let dry.
2. Glue the lid halves to each end of a shoe-box half to form the dog's body and legs.
3. To make the head, glue the other box half to one end.
4. Attach a paper tail, ears, eyes, mouth, and tongue with glue. Add other details with markers.

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PAPER-BAG SKUNK

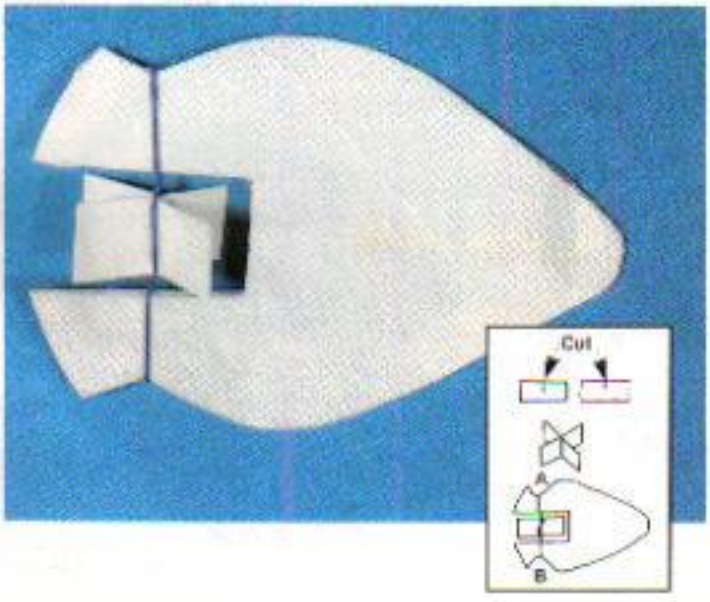
(small paper bag, poster paint, chenille stick)

1. To make the body of the skunk, cut the bottom from a small paper bag, leaving the four corners to form the legs.
2. Make the head and tail from the leftover bag. Cut slits along the edge of the tail to make it look bushy.
3. Tape a chenille stick down the back of the tail and poke it into the body of the skunk. Add tape to hold the tail in place. Glue the head to the skunk.
4. Decorate the skunk with poster paint.

HALF-GALLON CARTON CHARACTER

(half-gallon milk carton, newspaper, flour, water, poster paint)

1. Cut the top flaps off a half-gallon milk carton. Cover the outside with papier-mâché.
2. To make papier-mâché, mix flour and water together until it is the consistency of ketchup. Tear small strips of newspaper and dip them into the flour mixture. Cover the carton with two layers of papier-mâché.
3. Choose an edge of the box to make the face. Starting about 2 inches from the top, glue on a square of newspaper to make the nose. Start the eyebrows from the top of the nose, using narrow strips of paper. Use little squares for eyes and cheek spots and two narrow strips of paper for the lips, letting the lip corners meet.
4. When dry, paint the face and container with poster paint.



RACING BOATS

(large plastic lids, a rubber band)

1. Following the diagram, cut two boat shapes and two paddle-wheel blades. Glue the two boat parts together and let dry. Slide each paddle-wheel blade into the notch of the other to form an X.
2. Stretch a rubber band across the boat's stern around A and B. Place the paddle wheel between the rubber band and wind it tightly away from the boat.
3. Hold your boat's paddle wheel until the signal is given for the race to begin. Then let go of the paddle wheel, and watch your boat skim over lake, river, bathtub, or pool.

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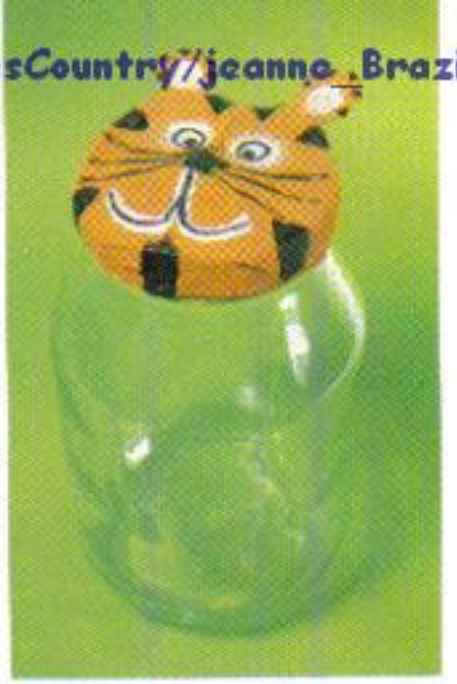
PAPIER-MÂCHÉ TIGER JAR

(glass jar with lid, newspaper, flour and water, lightweight cardboard, poster paint)



1. To make papier-mâché, mix flour and water together until it is the consistency of ketchup. Tear small strips of newspaper and dip them into the flour mixture.

2. Mold the animal head shape to the top of a glass jar lid. Add ears made from lightweight cardboard and cover them with the papier-mâché.

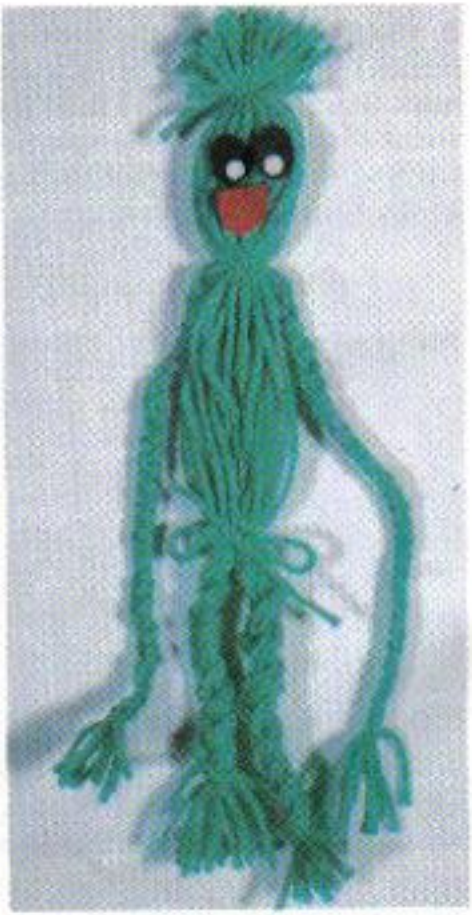
3. Let the head dry for at least a day. Then decorate it with poster paint.

BOX-AND-EGG-CARTON CREATURE

(boxes, cardboard egg carton, construction paper)

1. Collect an assortment of small boxes. Use each box as part of the body for the animal. Cover the boxes with construction paper and glue the boxes together, making a body shape.

2. Cut a cardboard egg carton apart. Use the cups and pillars as legs, ears, eyes, and antennae. Glue them to the body.



YARN DOLL

(yarn, shoe box, construction paper)

1. Wrap yarn around a shoe box sixty times. Tie a piece of yarn around the wrapped yarn to hold it together at one spot and remove it from the box. Cut the yarn opposite the tied piece of yarn.

2. About three inches from the tied spot, tie a piece of yarn to form the head. Separate nine strands from each side. Tie a piece of yarn around the remaining yarn to form the waist.

3. Braid the strands of each arm. Braid by folding A over B and then C over A. Continue until the strands are all braided. Tie a piece of yarn about one inch from the end.

4. Divide the yarn below the waist in half for legs. Braid each leg in the same manner as the arms, tying a piece of yarn about one inch from the end.

5. Glue paper features to the doll.

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MOVING-PICTURE CUBE

(construction paper, old magazines or photos, yarn)

1. Cut six identical squares of construction paper. Fold the corner of each square to the center, making a smaller square.
2. Unfold the paper and glue all the corner sections together to form a cube.
3. Cut large pictures from old magazines or photos and glue one to each side of the cube. Poke two holes at the top and insert a piece of yarn to hang your cube.

BULLDOZER

(small spaghetti box, two small gelatin boxes, round salt box, cardboard, plastic cap, construction paper)

1. For the cab, tape two small gelatin boxes together. For the body of the bulldozer, use part of a small spaghetti box. Cover the boxes with glue and construction paper.
2. Cut four wheels from cardboard and cover them with paper. Make windows from white paper. Add details with a marker.
3. For the smokestack, glue a plastic cap to the body of the bulldozer.
4. Cut a section from a round cardboard salt box. Paint it and let it dry. Then glue it to the front of the bulldozer.

PAPER-PLATE LION

(paper plate, cardboard, yarn, four drinking cups, felt, construction paper)

1. Cut slits about 1 inch deep and 1/2 inch apart all around the outside rim of a paper plate. Cut a nose, eyes, and ears from felt and glue them onto the paper plate. Draw a mouth and eyebrows with a marker.
2. Make the body of the lion from cardboard as shown. Punch a hole through the small tab for the tail. Fold the larger tab up.
3. Make a pompon for the lion's tail by wrapping yarn around two fingers; remove the yarn and tie it in the middle. Cut the loops. Tie the pompon to a piece of yarn and string it through the hole.
4. For the legs, stand four drinking cups upside down to make a square. Spread glue on top of each cup. Place the lion's body on top of the cups so the large tab is pointing up.
5. Add glue to the front of the tab, and place the lion's head against it. Tape the tab to the head until the glue dries.

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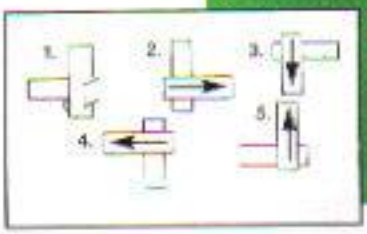
ZIGZAG GIRAFFE

(construction paper)

1. Cut two strips of paper for each leg. Glue them together to form a square corner. Hold a finger on the corner and fold the strip on the bottom over the strip on the top as shown. Continue folding one strip over the other until the paper is used up. Glue the last two folds together.

2. To make the body, cut a section from paper. Cut out a neck, head, and tail. Glue them to the body. Decorate with bits of paper.



CRUISE SHIP

(toothpaste cartons, gift wrap)

1. For the first level of the ship, cut the end flaps from a long toothpaste carton. Cover it with gift wrap. Staple the ends of the carton together.

2. For the second and third levels of the ship, cut smaller sections from another toothpaste carton. Tape the end flaps closed and cover the open end with tape. Cover the sections with gift wrap.

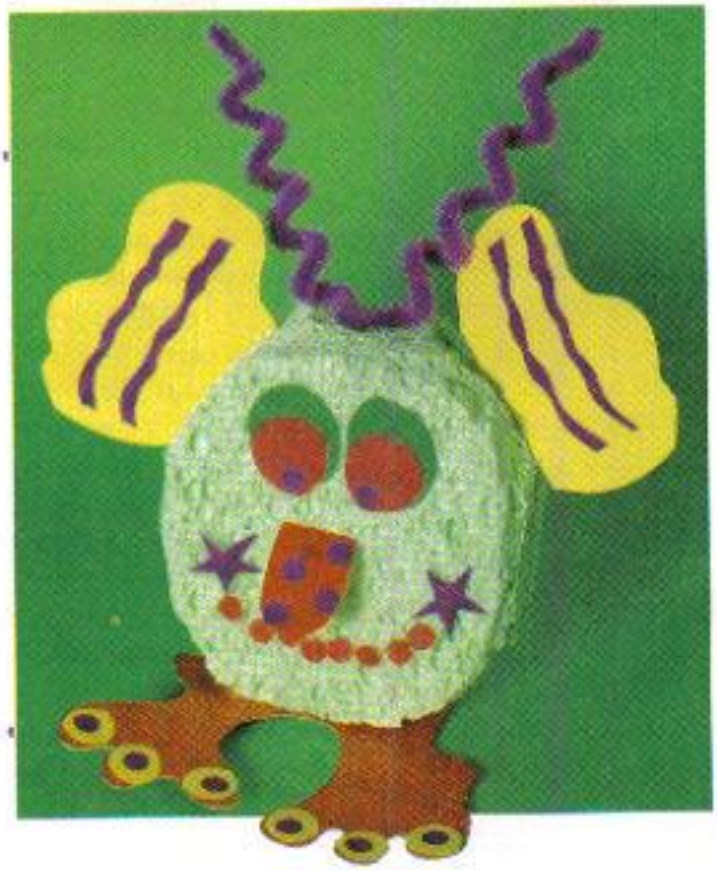
3. Glue the levels together and let them dry. Add details with a marker.

SPONGE CHARACTER

(poster board, sponge, chenille stick, construction paper)

1. To make the base, cut feet from a piece of poster board. For the body, cut a cellulose sponge in an oval shape with one flat end. Glue the feet to the flat end.

2. Cut features from construction paper and glue them to the sponge. Curl a chenille stick around a pencil. Bend the stick in half and glue it to the top of the character for antennae.



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SEA GULL

(plastic-foam trays, permanent markers)

1. Cut a bird shape, including the feet, from a plastic-foam tray. Add features with permanent markers.

2. Cut a base from another plastic-foam tray. Make a slit with a table knife and insert the feet of the bird.

SCRAP WOOD-BLOCK HOUSE

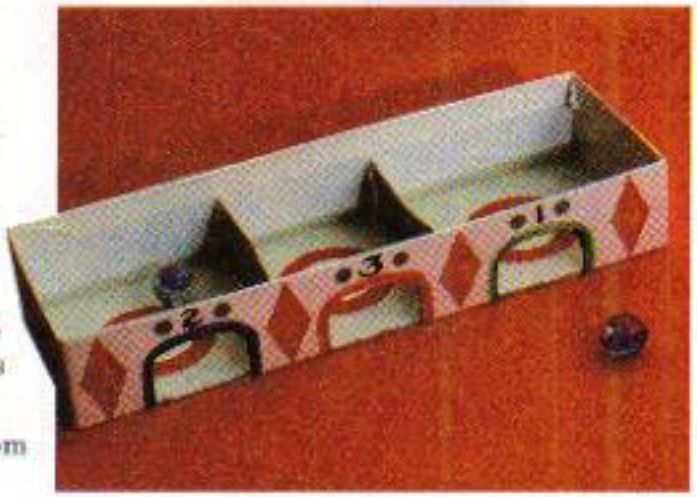
(scrap wood block, permanent markers or paint)

1. Look at a scrap wood block to see what design can be made from it. The design can be on one or more sides.

2. Sketch the design lightly on the wood with a pencil. The wood can then be colored with permanent markers or paint.

MARBLE GAME

(narrow shoe box lid, cardboard, poster paint, construction paper, 5 marbles)



1. Use a narrow shoe box lid for the base. Paint or cover the base with construction paper.

2. Cut three openings in one side of the lid. Cut strips of cardboard sections and glue them to the inside of the lid as shown.

3. Put a number over each opening. Write the same number inside that section of the lid. Glue on pieces of paper for decorations.

4. Roll five marbles, one at a time, trying to get them inside the openings. Add up your score.

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ANIMAL IN A RING

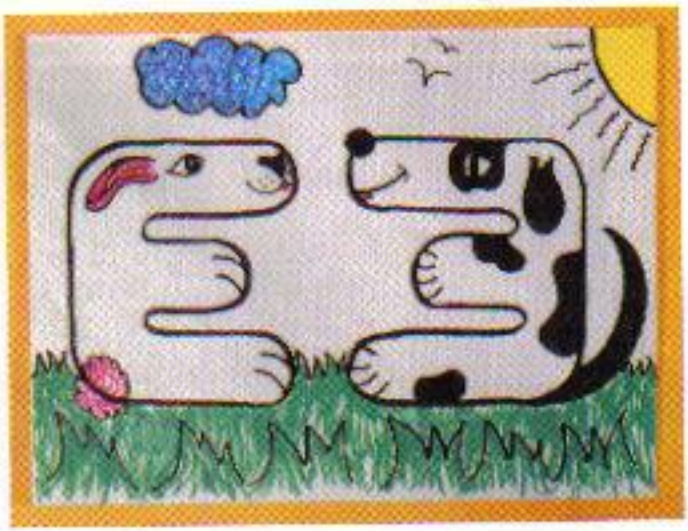
(plastic lid, permanent marker, yarn)

1. Draw an animal shape inside a plastic lid, with part of the animal's body touching the edge of the lid. Fill in any features with markers.
2. Punch a hole at the top of the lid. Tie a piece of yarn through the hole for a hanger.

POSTCARD FILE BOX

(shoe box, gift wrap)

1. A deltiologist is a postcard collector. You might like to make a file for your collection and divide it by geographical regions.
2. To make a file box, cover a shoe box with gift wrap. Cut cardboard dividers with tabs the same width as the file box.
3. Write the name of a state, region, or foreign country at the top of each divider. File postcards in the appropriate sections.



FAT-LETTER DESIGNS

(drawing paper, cardboard, markers or crayons)

1. Draw the first letter of your name on a piece of cardboard. Make it big and fat. Cut out the letter.
2. Place your cut-out letter on a piece of drawing paper and trace around it, one or more times, making a picture.

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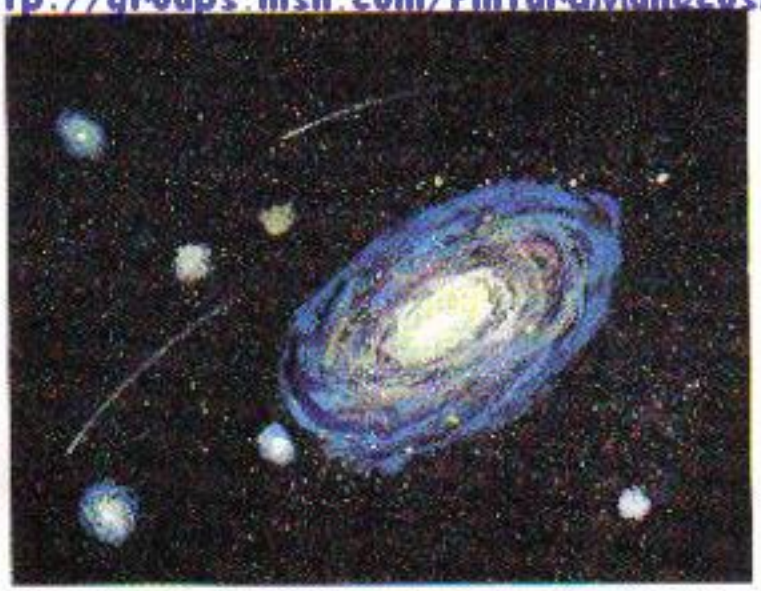


GALAXY WALL HANGING

(black construction paper, poster paint, old toothbrush, poster board)

1. Use a piece of black construction paper for the background of your picture. Now think of the swirling galaxies of space as giant whirligigs.

2. With poster paint, paint some of these swirling galaxies.

3. Finish the picture by dipping the bristles of an old toothbrush in white paint and then drawing a stick across the brush so it spatters on the picture. For more color, spatter with yellow paint, too.

4. When your picture is dry, mount it on poster board or construction paper.

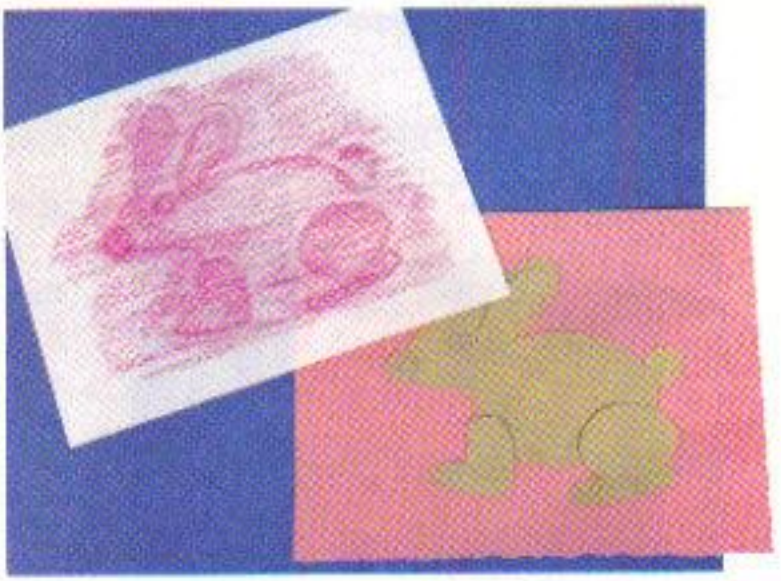
RUB-A-PICTURE WITH CRAYON

(crayon, cardboard, construction paper)

1. Cut shapes, such as rabbits, eggs, chicks, or flowers from cardboard. Glue them on a sheet of construction paper.

2. Place a sheet of construction paper over the cardboard picture. Rub over the paper with the side of a crayon. Watch the picture appear.

3. The rabbit shows how the different parts are cut and glued. The overlapping parts will bring out the detail of the rubbed picture.



STENCIL-ART STATIONERY

(clear plastic lid, construction paper, white paper, colored pencils)

1. Cut the rim off a clear plastic lid. Use a paper punch to punch holes in the lid, making a stencil.

2. Place the lid on a piece of white paper. Color through the stencil with colored pencils.

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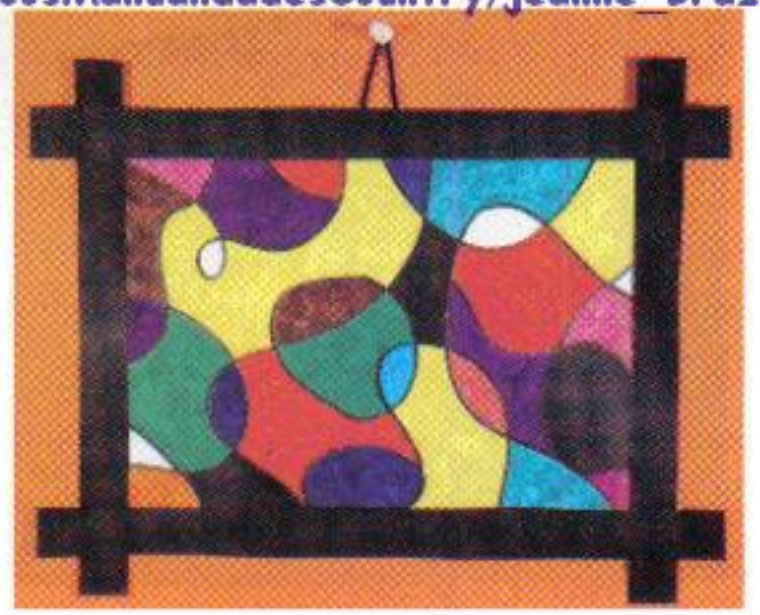
FRAMED DOODLE DESIGNS

(construction paper, poster board, yarn, permanent markers)



1. Use permanent markers to doodle lines onto a piece of construction paper.
2. Fill in the spaces with colors, using permanent markers, paints, or crayons.
3. To make a frame, cut four strips of poster board, each about an inch wide. Cut two for the length and two for the width, making each 1 inch longer than the picture.
4. Glue the long pair of strips in place over the front of the picture's edge. Then glue the shorter pair of strips in place. Make all four corners even.
5. Glue a piece of yarn to the back of the frame for a hanger.

SCRIMSHAW

(plastic-foam tray, black permanent marker)

1. Cut a tooth shape from a plastic-foam tray. Draw a ship with a black permanent marker.
2. Add color with other markers.
3. Cut a base from another plastic-foam tray. Make a slit with a table knife and insert the tooth.

COMB DESIGNS

(poster paint, construction paper, pieces of broken combs)

1. With a paintbrush, brush poster paint on the teeth of a piece of broken comb.
2. Place the comb on a piece of construction paper and move it around, making designs.
3. Repeat the process until you are finished with your picture. Let it dry thoroughly.

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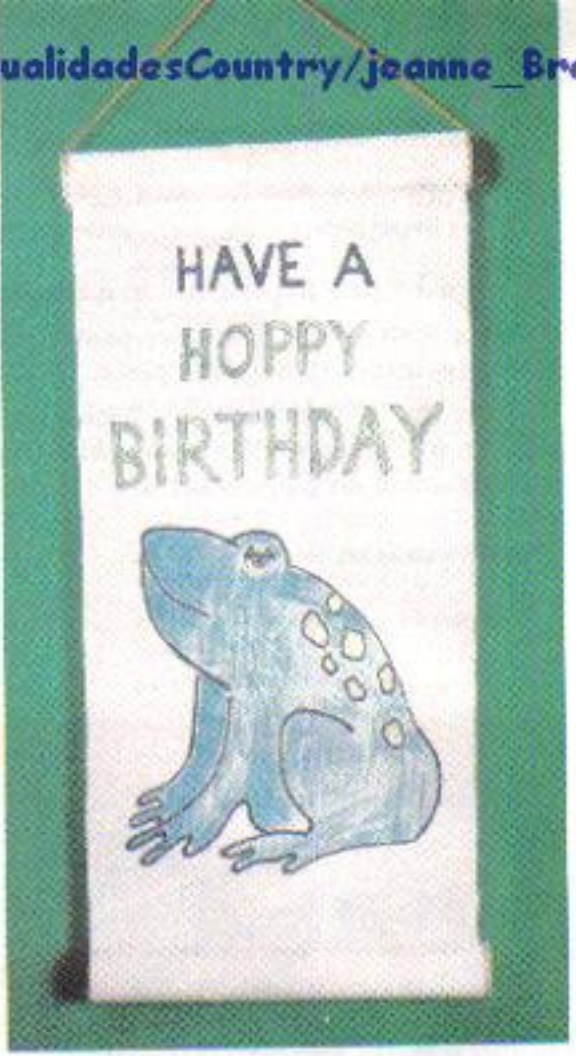
BIRTHDAY BANNER

(two paper towel tubes, white fabric, newspaper, permanent markers, string)

1. Use two paper towel tubes for the top and bottom of the banner.
2. Cut a piece of white fabric, such as a piece from an old white sheet, a little narrower than the paper towel tubes and as long as you want it.
3. Place the fabric on top of an old newspaper; then write your birthday greeting with permanent markers on the fabric.
4. Glue the ends of the fabric to the tubes. Add a string through the top tube to make a hanger.



PAPER-PLATE OWL

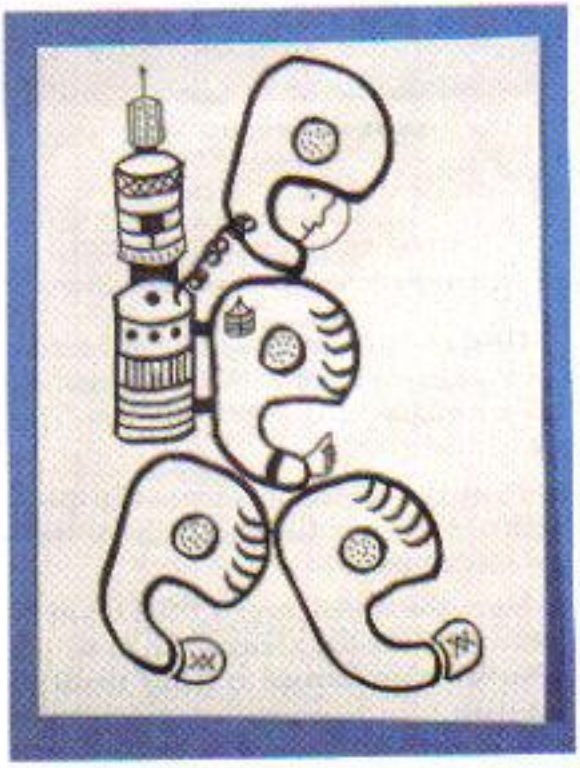
(paper plate)

1. Cut a paper plate to form a tail as shown.
2. Draw features and color the owl with markers.

TAPE-DISPENSER PICTURES

(drawing paper, tape dispenser)

1. Look at the shape of a tape dispenser. Think of what kind of character or animal you can create from the shape. Sketch it out on a piece of scrap paper.
2. When you have decided what you would like to draw, trace around the edge of a tape dispenser, making your creation on a piece of drawing paper.
3. Add more details with a marker.



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SPIN ART

(paper plate, cardboard box, poster paints)

1. Place a white paper plate in a cardboard box.

2. Drop small drips of watery poster paints from a paintbrush onto the plate.

3. Give the box a quick spin. With each spin the picture will change. When you like what you have created, stop and let it dry.

ICE-CREAM STICK PUZZLE

(ice-cream sticks, markers or crayons)

1. Place several wooden ice-cream sticks next to each other on a table.

2. Place a strip of tape securely across all the sticks. Number the sticks in order.

3. Turn the sticks over, and draw a picture on them with crayons or markers.

4. Remove the tape, mix up the sticks, and try to put your drawing back together without looking at the numbers on the back.

THE MOVING STENCIL

(lightweight cardboard, drawing paper, markers)

1. On a piece of lightweight cardboard, draw a simple picture. With scissors, cut out the major parts of your picture. This is the stencil.

2. Place the stencil on a piece of paper. With a marker, outline all of the areas in the cut-out parts.

3. Move the stencil over a little bit and outline the cut-out areas again in a different color. Repeat as many times as you wish.

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